

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for performing spreadsheet-like operations in a database system is described herein. As explained, a database language is extended to introduce new clauses (“spreadsheet-like clauses”), for defining and executing spreadsheet-like operations on data contained within a RDBMS. According to one aspect of the invention, in response to receiving a database query that specifies an operation for manipulating data, data from a relational structure is retrieved and stored in a non-relational structure that can be addressed as a multi-dimensional array. The operation specified in the database query is performed on then data.

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